

**Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention
on the Prohibition of the Development,
Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological
(Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their
Destruction**

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Adoption of the agenda

**Provisional agenda for the Meeting of Experts on Assistance,
Response and Preparedness**

Submitted by the Chair

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure
4. Practical challenges facing the implementation of Article VII, and possible solutions
5. A set of guidelines and formats to assist a State Party, if required, when submitting an application for assistance in the framework of Article VII
6. Procedures, including the establishment and use of the assistance database, to improve the prompt and efficient response without preconditions to a request of assistance by a State Party under Article VII, and coordination and cooperation among States Parties and with relevant international and regional organizations such as World Health Organization (WHO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), as appropriate
7. Examination of how the concept of mobile biomedical units might contribute to effective assistance, response and preparation with a view to enhancing implementation of the Convention
8. Exploration of approaches by which States Parties, individually or collectively, might contribute to the strengthening of international response capabilities for infectious disease outbreaks, whether natural or deliberate in origin
9. Exploration of means to prepare for, respond to and render assistance in case of the possible hostile use of biological agents and toxins against agriculture, livestock as well as the natural environment

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10. Adoption of the factual report reflecting the deliberations of the meeting, including possible outcomes
11. Closing of the meeting